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Dear Harold Weisberg,

I hope you are well again or at least improved enough to be working with more vigor again.

I have just finished reading Book V The Final Report of the Church Committee and it left me considerably more angry than pleased regarding the dispersions it casts on the CIA FBI, Warren Com., Army Intel. etal.

I know you are enormously busy and I feel like I am imposing but if you have the time would you fill in a couple of blanks for me?

1) - Who are Am/lash & Am whip? Cardano, Lic, Hunt, Rodriguez

2) - Is there a real (was there) Desmond Fitzgerald, whom I can not indict in any particular source? Is Fitzgerald an alias?

3) Who was the CIA, Mexico City Chief in Sept '63 (HUNT?); who after that?

4) Was Holmes responsible for the cables from Mexico city Nov - Dec '63

5) Who was/is the desk officer in the Western Hemisphere Div of the CIA handling the investigation prior to Angleton? Why was he replaced?

The Select Committee refers to FBI memos of Oct 10 '63 & July '64 and an Oct 29 '63 meeting between Armbush & Fitzgerald. Do you have any of this info? Can you elaborate for me? Footnote 21 page 26 is incredible, any info or comment.

I'd intend also is footnote 20 pg 14 "... certain Dept and support of top U.S. military officials."

I've always felt the solution was to be found with Naval Intel, Army Intel, Far Eastern affairs & the DIA at least as much as the C.I.A. My feeling is that Oswald's military background w/ intelligence was never terminated.

Also the Report makes numerous references to the 'S.A.S.' (Special Affairs Staff) and yet in all the materials I have to closest thing to SAS I can figure is Special Operations, Counter Intelligence, D.O.I). SAS doesn't seem appear in the Manchester book.

Lastly and I am particular importance unless you're in the mood for writing, who do you make of the Schweiker, Mondale selections & Church Bryan like bill to get on the national ticket? Additionally it looks like Baker

to go to Ford!? All it smells like shift to me. Either that or we're in for one hell of campaign.

Forgive me, one last reoccurring question I should have asked you long ago — at Bernard Fensterwald & "CTFA"? Does his representing McCord at the Watergate Trials for book somethings sinister, as some suggest. Or is it more likely McCord wanted a competant atty. who could guarantee his message would get across? Norman Mailer seems to imply the obvious illusion of Dallas to Watergate by the association. The 2 men is a set-up in it own right designed to be misleading.

I've just returned from a 5 wk junket around So West US & Bay Area Calif. I spent most of my time in Bookstores & the Berkely library! In the used bookstores, there are well-used copies of "Whitewash I & II", I only saw one copy of WR II noted "Frame-up" or "Post Mortem" also there are a lot of J. Epstein books other than Inquest or Fall Guy and in most places even the most sophisticated the titles were essentially unknown. You might well guess that the work of Dr. Peter Dale Scott is the most popular in the Bay area as is Mae Brussell's. Send your work

was also well known & well respected. I spent 15 days in Berkeley. I did not get to see or talk w/ Dr Scott although I tried. I have spoken before (a few times) w/ Brussels so I didn't try since I follow his activities thru WBAI & friends & have on the coast.

On my return home I found a letter from T. H. Erwin, Belfast Ireland, giving me the address & Jo Preston's widow in NY along w/ phone #. I did speak w/ her although she was leaving for Bakersfield Calif later that day. She'll be gone a month. When she returns she plans to dismantle Jo's library, allowing her children to keep those materials & original manuscripts they desire and then giving away the rest. She indicated a wealth of material in multiply. It is her plan to dismantle both libraries (Mass & NY) sell the homes & retire to Stockholm before Christmas if possible. She has promised to call me when she returns to Calif. Are there any of Jo Preston's materials you'd have an interest in? As I live near (25 min) to Mrs Preston she has said I may come to her home and select what I would like from what is available?

As Ever,
Larry Eichacker

P.S. Is your fiance's phone tapped? and is your mail gets opened?